Clearance to pending projects

*424. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects pending with the Central Government for clearance, State-wise;

(b) what is the duration of their pendency, project-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The Number of projects, pending for clearance with the Central Government, duration of pendency and reason thereof are indicated below:

Maharshtra

(i) Second International Airport in Navi Mumbai

A Techno Economic Feasibility Report was received from City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd. (CIDCO) on 25.9.2001 for construction of an international airport at Navi Mumbai. CIDCO also submitted a Supplementary Report on 3.1.2002. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has examined the report and found the site technically suitable for establishing the 2nd airport subject to certain physical and operational limitations. The Environmental Clearance for the project is also necessary. These observations have been communicated to CIDCO and the Government of Maharashtra. Further action will be possible after the State Government gives their views of these observations.

(ii) Proposed Multi-Modal International Passenger and Cargo Hub at Nagpur

Government of Maharashtra has initiated a proposal for setting up of a Multi Modal International Hub Airport at Nagpur. A techno Economic Feasibility Report prepared by the consultants appointed by Government of Maharashtra has been received in the AAI in March, 2002. The Maharashtra Government has also requested for

declaring Nagpur as an international airport, equity participation by AAI, transfer of the existing airport to the special purpose company to be established to implement the project etc. A mega project of this magnitude has to be carefully scrutinized from the point of environment, technical feasibility and financial viability etc. Highest priority is being accorded for consideration of the project.

Sikkim

(iii) Proposed Airport at Pakyong

On request from Government of Sikkim on 17.4.2001, the AAI made a feasibility study for construction of an airport in Sikkim and found that a site located at Pakyong was *prima-facie* suitable for construction of an airport suitable for 50 seater class of aircraft. The Government of Sikkim has been advised to prepare a Detailed Project Report so that the economic viability of the project can be examined before giving approval.

Uttar Pradesh

(iv) Proposed Taj International Airport

There is a proposal for setting up of 'Taj International Airport' in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The State Government had been advised to identify a suitable site and carry out feasibility study for this purpose. An interim report from Uttar Pradesh Government has been received on 10.4.2002 suggesting two locations for the proposed airport. Technical aspects of the proposed locations will have to be examined whereafter the Government of Uttar Pradesh will get the Techno-Economic Feasibility study completed.